

MESSAGE OF VIRILITY IN BISPHAM'S SONGS

Rare Program of Classics Given
at Concert—Dramatic Tal-
ent Gratifies Audience.

An artist who appreciates the wishes of the audience is rare, but the artist who attempts to fulfill those wishes is rarer still. David Bispham, however, who was heard yesterday afternoon in concert at the Columbia Theater, not only appreciates but succeeds in gratifying the desires of his audiences.

For ten years Mr. Bispham has carried on his crusade of singing in the English language, and slowly but surely other artists are following his example. But in his endeavor to make his program perfectly intelligible to his audiences Mr. Bispham goes one step farther, and gives an explanation of his song before he sings it.

Couple this custom with the dramatic talent of this artist, and one hears the song-de-luxe, a song which has a meaning, a message, and which is a dramatic unit.

In the group of classical songs from the works of European composers, and in the group of modern songs, by American composers, the virility of the selections is most noticeable. This also follows out one of the excellent ideas of Mr. Bispham.

"Men's songs for men," is his way of expressing the reasons for his choice. "Someone sent me a lullaby," he said last night. "A woman's song. Only those songs written for men, in the proper key, should be attempted by men. I know that women and men sing songs indiscriminately, but how much stronger is the program which is identified and strengthened by the knowledge that the singer is impersonating one of his or her own sex."

This point was strongly made in "O'Ruddier Than the Cherry," of Handel; "When I Was a Page," Verdi; and "The Two Grenadiers," Schumann.

The audience was favored with two rarely heard songs, both by American composers, the protegee from "The Song of the Sea," by William J. McCoy, and "The Song of the Sea," by William J. McCoy.

One change made in the program, the substitution of Kipling's "Danny Devere" set to music by Dancoff, for the "Song of the Sea," by William J. McCoy, was duly appreciated.

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Opposes Prison Self-Government

Dr. Katherine B. Davis Explains Why Disaster
Would Follow Its Introduction in New York.
Points to Vital Needs of District System.

Taking issue with Thomas Mott Osborne, apostle of self-government for prisons, Dr. Katherine B. Davis, commissioner of corrections in New York city, asserts introduction of self-government immediately in prisons would be disastrous.

Prisoners, she asserts, are not ready for self-government for exactly the same reasons that girls at Vassar were not ready for it, and that men of New York State were not ready for it, as shown by their failure to turn out at State-wide primary elections.

Giving high praise to the District workhouse at Occoquan as being a model institution of its kind, Dr. Davis pointed to other shortcomings of the District's correctional system.

By J. R. HILDEBRAND.

Three vital needs of any system of corrections Washington now lacks, in the estimation of Dr. Katherine B. Davis, commissioner of corrections for New York city, are: These are: A home for the feeble-minded. A provision for paroled and indeterminate sentences. But in one respect Washington is far ahead of New York, in Dr. Davis' opinion, and that is in its workhouse at Occoquan, where modern methods of treating short-term prisoners have been installed, where all cell bars and guards have been eliminated, and where work is provided for every inmate.

These statements were made by Dr. Davis in an interview following her address last night before the Monday Evening Club, the Consumers' League, and the Women's Department of the National Civic Federation.

In her address, Mrs. Davis took issue with the program criticized her for not introducing immediately systems of self-government at Blackwell's Island and at other institutions under her care.

Test of the Plan. She also made it apparent that she was not in entire sympathy with Thomas Mott Osborne's efforts to introduce systems of self-government at Auburn State prison, where he spent a week as a prisoner, and at Sing Sing, where he recently was made warden. Dr. Davis said:

Every one in New York State knows Sing Sing as one of our worst prisons, from the standpoint of bad discipline, inefficient management, and actual graft. If Mr. Osborne can introduce even a partial system of self-government there it will prove his point.

When I made it experiments with self-government. Our girls were permitted to run their various houses in part by an honor system. When I became commissioner of corrections under Mayor Mitchell, every one thought I was going to try to bring the millennium over at Blackwell's Island by establishing a complete system of self-government over there.

Mrs. Davis then drew a parallel between self-government in prisons, at colleges, and in New York State. She continued:

After I heard a group of men criticize me for not trying the plan wholesale, I went over to the girls' reformatory, and at what I call my Sunday school class, and others, I put the question squarely before the girls. Do you wish self-government?

The answers were highly illuminating. Those girls in one or two of the houses, where it had been tried, were in favor of it. Those where it had been partially attempted were divided, and those where it had not been tried did not wish it. And these answers, under such circumstances, formed the basis of my suffrage argument I had heard for some time.

Here Are Their Reasons. Now those who did not want it stated their reasons. Some said: "Officers are paid to govern us; why should we bother?" Others answered: "We don't think women should govern women; it doesn't seem natural." Another group, and a large one, said: "We are so occupied with thinking of what we will do when we get out that we haven't time to experiment here."

EXPERT ON CRIMINOLOGY



DR. KATHERINE B. DAVIS.

Georgetown Students to Debate on Immigration

Secretary to the President Joseph P. Tumulty, Justice Walter L. McCoy, and Attorney Daniel W. O'Donoghue have accepted the invitation of the Rev. A. J. Donlon, S. J., president of Georgetown University, to act as judges at the Hamilton debate at Gaston Hall tomorrow night. The winner of the contest is to be awarded a gold medal, the gift of George E. Hamilton, dean of the law department.

Ryan's Ribs Broken, But His Condition Is Good

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Thomas F. Ryan, the financier, was resting easy at his home, 333 Fifth avenue today, following his accident yesterday when he was thrown from his horse while riding in Central Park. He suffered fractures of three ribs. His doctor said his condition was not serious.

Letter Carrier Held on Mail Robbing Charge

John C. Edwards, colored, arrested yesterday for alleged embezzlement of theft from the mails, waived preliminary examination before United States Commissioner Isaac R. Hitt, yesterday afternoon after making a plea of not guilty, and is held in \$1,000 bail to await the action of the grand jury.

Herrick to Establish Bureau for War Relief

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12.—Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France, plans to establish an international war relief bureau, with headquarters in New York, according to an announcement made by Farminey Herrick, son of the former ambassador.

Dr. J. J. Kihyoun, district bacteriologist, late yesterday afternoon made an examination of Grable, confirming the diagnosis made by other district physicians.

Grable at first gave the name of Charles H. Randall but later insisted it was Emil R. Grable.

Endavor will be made by the Health Department to obtain Grable's removal at the expense of the Federal authorities, under the same regulation which the district authorities contend applies in the case of John Early.

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The miscellaneous articles listed in the sale are divided into 16 lots. There also are thirty-eight packages of jewelry and thirteen boxes of books and music in the goods from the general postoffice department division, and twenty-five lots of miscellaneous articles and jewelry in the portion that failed of delivery to consignees in the District.

Miles of dress goods, great quantities of trimmings, and sufficient jewelry to adorn a regiment of women are included in the catalogue of articles to be auctioned. A thrifty buyer will be able to purchase a number of useful articles, the most exacting friend or relative, if he attends the sale diligently.

Some friends of the President are discouraged over the outlook for the bill. Private shipping interests are opposing it.

The Senate Democrats plan a caucus today. The question of what to do with the immigration bill, the Philippine bill, and the shipping bill is worrying Democratic leaders.

Husting, Democrat, Wins Wisconsin Senate Place

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 12.—The State supreme court has decided that Paul O. Hustung, Democrat, has been elected to the United States senate over Gov. F. E. McGovern, Republican.

Senator Owen to Speak At Suffragist Meeting

Senator Robert L. Owen will be the principal speaker at a meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Jordan de Danse, Fifteenth and F streets, under the auspices of the Kate Gordon Chapter of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference. Miss Jean Gordon, of New Orleans, also will speak.

The Kate Gordon Chapter advocates the enfranchisement of the women of the District through the action of the individual States rather than by means of a Federal amendment, and this will be the theme of the speakers at tomorrow's meeting.

This will be the first of a series of meetings to be held in Washington under the auspices of the Kate Gordon Chapter, it is announced.

Lecture on Hittite Ruins.

Dr. Felix von Lincow, director of the Royal Museum of Ethnology at Berlin, will lecture at the Public Library, Tuesday night, on the excavation of the Hittite ruins at Boghaz-Koi, in Asia Minor.

Manslaughter Charge in Jackson Case Dismissed

A charge of manslaughter against John Jackson, colored, indicted in connection with the death of Joseph Smith, colored, who fell off the Pennsylvania avenue bridge over Rock Creek, was dismissed by United States Attorney Laskey today with the consent of Chief Justice Covington, presiding in Criminal Court No. 1.

Electric Company Asks For New Rates January 1

Application for permission to file a new schedule of rates, effective January 1, was submitted to the Public Utilities Commission today by the Potomac Electric Power Company. The proposed schedule provides for certain changes in the charge for service per kilowatt hour, and, according to officials of the commission, appears at first glance to offer a slight reduction. The commission today began a comparison of the proposed schedule with the current rates to determine the question.

GARDEN 10 A. M.—11 P. M.
423 9th St. N. W.

Sunday--4-Part THE TAIN Keystone Comedy Others

Revival Week--Paramount Pictures

MON. TUES. in "WILDFLOWER"

WED. Maelyn Arbuckle in THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN

THUR. Bertha Kalich in MARTA of the LOWLANDS

FRI. Robert Edeson in WHERE the TRAIL DIVIDES

SAT. Adapted From Belasco's STRANGLERS OF PARIS

NEXT WEEK--Edward Aboles in "READY MONEY" Others

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